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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...and yet your bill says something else.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am feeling very, very, very sad about what I think is happening here on this floor this afternoon and I decided that I needed to speak my piece on it. It was many years ago, and I don't remember exactly how many, Senator Chambers, when Senator Tim Hall brought the first bill that I can remember at least to the Business and Labor Committee, first antidiscrimination bill regarding gays and lesbians, and I remember how hard he worked on it. I remembered how the committee struggled with it. remember how it didn't get out of committee. I remember how you took up the mantle later and introduced more bills. I don't remember all the particulars. I just remember that there were many attempts, there were many bills and there was not much When you introduced your amendment last year to the success. Smith real estate bill I was...I was, I guess, somewhat taken back that it was successful but I was very, very pleased that it was successful, as I'm sure that you were as well. Regrettably, that bill did not succeed in the end and, regrettably, you had to come back with a bill again this year. And here we are again, and by that vote that was taken on the Beutler amendment I fear that we are not going to do anything with this issue once again this year, and it makes me very sad. And I can't imagine how it must feel to be a member of the gay and lesbian community who have had many attempts at doing something on this issue and many failures on doing something on this issue. Senator Foley, I can't support your reconsideration motion. I can't support any of those amendments that you put up there today, and I understand why you put them up and I understand that you felt that you had to do it, but these folks have been waiting a long, long time and I think we should do like we did with the Revenue bill not too many nights ago. We should move this bill over to Select File and we should let Senator Chambers work with all the interested parties. We should not let this bill fail at this time on this day at this very late point in the session.